**BAKERSFIELD, CA** - Congressman Jim Costa (D-Fresno) announced today he will host a grant workshop to acquaint non-profit organizations and local governments with federal and private funding opportunities. Agencies providing information include the Department of Housing and Urban Development, the Kern County Community Foundation and the Office of Grants, Research and Sponsored Programs at California State University, Bakersfield. The workshop will be held on Tuesday, August 22, at the Kern County Public Service Building in downtown Bakersfield from 9:30a.m. to 12:30p.m.

" The workshop aims to provide a better understanding of the federal grants process and show local leaders how to increase their chances of securing funding, " Costa said, noting that the workshop will provide information on grant resources and examples of successful grant proposals.

The workshop is free and open to the public. Those who plan to attend are encouraged to register with Nicole Villaruz in Congressman Costa's Bakersfield District Office at (661) 869-1620 or via e-mail at nicole.villaruz@mail.house.gov.

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